

CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

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BEFORE YOU READ

1. Do you ever think about your country and wonder if people in it are the same as you? Do you know a lot about your own country?
2. Are there other countries that you are interested in? What do you know about them?

DON'T FORGET: There is a glossary at the end of the book where you can look up the meanings of the words you don't know.

INTRODUCTION

What do you know about the country you live in? Can you find it on a map? What does your flag look like? Do you know how many people live in your country? Do you think you do things that are the same as other people in your country? Even though you are from the same country, you might be surprised how differently everyone lives. Perhaps your neighbors like to eat different things for their meals or play different sports than you like to.

Have you ever visited any other countries? Do you know anything about other countries? You might think that children who don't live in your country are very different from you, but you might be surprised. They might like the same foods and play the same sports as you. It's interesting to learn about people from other countries.

The best way to learn about other countries is to do research. There are many different ways to do research, but you need to be careful when you research. You should make sure the information

you find is true and not too old. If you research on the internet, you can find a lot of information very quickly, but there is a chance it might not be true because anyone can put information online. If you use books like encyclopedias to research, then the information is probably true but it is always going to be old. Interviewing people is the best way to get real, up-to-date information. If you are lucky, you might know someone from another country that you can ask, but if you don't know anyone, you can try to get a pen pal. With a pen pal, you can write to them and tell them all about your own country, and you can ask your pen pal questions about their country. It's the perfect research method, and you get to make a new friend!

Here are some letters from children around the world. Are their lives very similar to yours or are they very different?

MEXICO



Hola! My name is Iker. I'm from Mexico. My country's real name is the United Mexican States. And as of July 2012, there were 117 million people here. It's a very crowded country! And it is the 14th largest country in the world. Most people in Mexico speak Spanish.

I live with my mom Ericka and my little brother Diego. We live in the capital of Mexico, Mexico City, in a house. We have a rescued dog named Prieta.